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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

I. Introduction

1. A report was received from Georgia pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 53/97 of 8 December 1998. The text of the report is contained in section II below.

II. Reports received from States pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 53/97

2. Georgia submitted a report, dated 29 September 2000, referring to the measures undertaken by it to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. The report reads as follows:

> "For the purpose of ensuring the security of diplomatic and consular missions and staff in Georgia, comprehensive activities are carried out, which include operational measures as well as enhanced efforts rendered for the protection of the missions and their staff. Primary responsibility in implementing these objectives lies with the Division for the Protection of Diplomatic and Consular Missions, which operates within the Special State Protection Service of Georgia. If necessary, protection of diplomatic and consular missions and diplomatic staff living on the premises is reinforced. The protection measures are subject to regular supervision. The security staff is informed about the operational developments on a daily basis. The Special

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State Protection Service of Georgia has provided personal security guards for some diplomatic and consular representatives. Within this special division of the Service a special group has been established which promptly reacts to the problems of diplomatic staff protection if they arise.

"The escorting plan for high-ranking diplomatic representatives has been put into operation. Relevant information has been provided to all embassies and other diplomatic missions. Pursuant to this plan necessary instructions have been issued to the relevant divisions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of State Security.

"The Service maintains systematic operational links with the security officers in embassies and other diplomatic and consular missions which contribute to reviewing the activities involved in guarding these premises.

"Chapter XXXVIII, "Terrorism", of the Criminal Code of Georgia contains articles 323 to 331 on different crimes of terrorism, including article 325, entitled "Assault on a person or agency enjoying international protection", envisaging that assault on a representative of a foreign country or an officer of an international organization or on their working or living assets or vehicles, as well as infringement of any of their family members' life, health or property for political motives or in order to complicate international relations, shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment ranging from 7 to 20 years or by imprisonment for life. Article 329 establishes criminal responsibility for taking hostage foreign representatives and other persons enjoying international protection."